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This was prepared for your signature because the President's memo asked heads of agencies to "assume personal responsibility." We have contacted the appropriate people in OMB, and they confirm that we should not be included. The letter from you to Mr. Lance merely makes that official.

/s/ James H. Taylor

James H. Taylor, Comptroller 16 MAR 1977

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The Honorable Bert Lance
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Bert:

I have received your memoranda of February 17 and March 7, as well as the President's memorandum of February 16, on reducing the burden which reporting to the Federal Government places upon the American public. I could not be more sympathetic to the objectives of this program and wish that there were something that the Central Intelligence Agency could do to contribute to it. As a practical matter, however, CIA does not require any reporting from the public and does its best to minimize all unnecessary correspondence. For this reason, the Agency is not covered by the Federal Reports Act. Under the circumstances, I feel sure you will agree that CIA should not be considered a participant in the program.

Yours,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

STANSFIELD TURNER
Admiral, U.S. Navy

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